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MATERIALS DIVISION MONTHLY REPORT

BRANCH: Chemicals

1. Accomplishments: During the month of November the M/Ch contribution to project 10.1510 "Chinese Communist Capabilities and Probable Courses of Action Through 1962," was completed and forwarded to A/F.

Final editing was completed on project 22.1727, "The Fluorspar and Hydrofluoric Acid Industries in the USSR."

Research was continued on project 20.1768, "Regional Civil Consumption of Petroleum in the USSR." The M/Ch contribution is practically completed and will be transmitted to M/P on or before the due date of 16 December 1957.

Research was continued on project 30.1783, "Soviet AE Program" (1958 estimate).

Research was begun on project 10.1836 (NATO), due to A/U 31 December 1957.

Research was begun on project 47.1787, "The Impact of the Eastern Area Construction Program on the USSR Economy in the Sixth Five Year Plan." The M/Ch contribution is due to S/CST 15 December 1957.

Research was begun on project 22.1913, "Problems and Prospects of the Hungarian Chemical Industry," due to ST/PR 15 May 1958.

Research was begun on project 22.1914, "Postwar Developments of the Chemical Industry of Poland," due to ST/PR 2 June 1958.

At the request of S/TD additional research was undertaken and completed on the M/Ch contribution to the EDIC study entitled, "The Production and Use of Ion Exchange Resins in the Soviet Bloc." The original M/Ch contribution to this project was completed in May 1957.

Personnel of M/Ch, [REDACTED], [REDACTED], and [REDACTED] toured U.S. atomic energy installations from October 30 through November 8.

2. Plans: M/Ch is planning to initiate research on "Soviet Propellants for Guided Missiles" in the near future. Prior to the initiation of research it is planned to have I/GM and OSI/GM brief members of M/Ch on the current status of intelligence in the field of guided missiles.

Personnel of M/Ch, [REDACTED], [REDACTED], and [REDACTED], are planning to attend the annual meeting of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers to be held in Chicago 8-11 December 1957.

3. Administration: No comment.

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